

JOHN D. TO GIVE UP COLORADO FUEL CO. TO JAMES J. HILL

Negotiations Well Under Way for Merger With Great Northern Oil Properties.

ROCKEFELLERS AID LABOR

Sale of Troublesome Property and 8-Hour Day for Oil Workers Significant.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Control of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, the big Western property of the Rockefellers, which in the last few years has had a most tempestuous career, will at an early date formally pass into the hands of interests represented by the veteran railroad magnate, James J. Hill.

The concern will be merged with the Hill ore holdings in Michigan, known officially as the Great Northern Iron Ore Properties. A revolution in the handling of iron and steel products for the far Western section of the United States is looked for by men in the trade who have been closely following the developments.

Pending the conclusion of negotiations for the merger, which have been under way for several months, no formal announcement as to the changed affairs in the Colorado Fuel situation is looked for, but it is expected that among the steel men referred to that denials of the changes will be made, although the facts regarding the proposed deal are well known in several quarters.

Sentimental Reason.
The passing of the Rockefellers from control of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, in view of the new stand which these interests are taking on labor matters, has not been without its sentimental reasons in one opinion which has found ready belief.

For months there has been a straining of endeavor on the part of the Rockefellers to eliminate the impression created in certain labor quarters of vigorous hostility by those interests to labor, particularly because of the adverse publicity that in the few weeks of voluntary establishment by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, the greatest of the Rockefeller oil companies, has found ready belief.

That complete elimination from Colorado Fuel and Iron affairs would prove the greatest factor in clearing the way for a new understanding with labor, it is added, has been an argument with the elder Rockefellers and their allied interests. The elder Rockefellers particularly has sought this new understanding.

Benefit To Hill Interests.
Regardless of the labor aspect of the situation, however, the acquisition of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company by the Hill interests for union with the Great Northern Ore will provide each company with advantages which neither could obtain without the other. The further reduction to the benefit of the Hill railroad properties through the West.

With the advantages which the present Hill properties should afford to the Colorado Fuel and Iron, the latter will be able to meet the competition of steel and iron companies in a vigorous competition of far Western trade, its natural territory for sales operations, which it has seldom been able to maintain under the Rockefeller regime.

The United States Steel Corporation and other great steel producers for the West to the extent of treating far Western territory as "foreign territory," to use the steel trade expression, selling their products at a price which would sell below the prices charged domestic manufacturers in the East, and the Colorado Fuel and Iron has had but little success in meeting this form of competition. With the possibilities of the vast deposits of the Great Northern Ore opened up to it, the Colorado Fuel and Iron is expected not only to meet this competition vigorously, but to become a formidable competitor of the Eastern mills for the trade of Australia, China, Russia and Japan.

Shows Big Possibilities.
Already the war has shown the possibilities of the latter fields for the company through the orders which have reached it in large volume from Russia for rails and other railroad supplies.

As for the Great Northern Ore, while its shipments to the Colorado Fuel and Iron properties and the consequent development of the Western business generally will accrue to the benefit of the Hill railroad lines, the latter lines will get comparatively little benefit should the mass of Great Northern Ore shipments be from Eastern mills.

Since the cancellation of the famous lease of the Great Northern Ore properties by the United States Steel Corporation for furnishing Federal activities against the latter, several large steel properties have had an eye on the Great Northern Ore, including the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Wall Street heard at one time that the Bethlehem might take over the Great Northern Ore and the Colorado Fuel and Iron, thereby supplying steel to its own great shipyards and other properties on the Pacific coast and saving its present high cost of freight tonnage for steel from the plant at Bethlehem, Pa., across the continent or through the Panama Canal.

Whether Charles M. Schwab, the genius of the Bethlehem's operations, ever fully relinquished that idea, in view of this heavy acquisition of iron ore properties in Chile, has never been fully determined. There are many steel men who would not be surprised finally to see his hand show in the present moves by James J. Hill.

Great Northern Ore and the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company in recent weeks, in what is now revealed as having been accumulation by leading interested culminating yesterday in transactions in the former issues alone totaling close to an eighth of a million of certificate shares, and covering a two-day advance of 12 points in the shares of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, exceeding all activity in that issue since the days of its noted sky-rocking pool.

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ing anything which would tend to continue the war," said Dr. Biggar today.

"It is in my memory that Mr. Rockefeller has said to me, concerning the warring nations—'Some are partly in the right, but all are in the wrong.'"

"During the interview, Mr. Rockefeller turned to me and said: 'Don't you think it is awful? The report of the interview, which I have read very carefully, is remarkably accurate. It tells clearly what I know to be Mr. Rockefeller's firm attitude—that he will keep hands off the war.'"

Could Make Millions.
"It is clear that Mr. Rockefeller would gain millions by making war loans, first, because of the high rate of interest such a loan would bring; secondly, because it would probably result in his supplying oil to the navies of the allies."

"But the possibility that J. Pierpont Morgan, in accordance with the present Wall Street rumor, will take from Mr. Rockefeller the title of the richest man in the world, has absolutely no weight in Mr. Rockefeller's decision not to reap war profits."

Rockefeller was playing golf when the original interview was obtained. His opponent was Capt. Levi T. Scofield, who was with him and of whom Rockefeller evened up for this little later by tying Dr. J. H. Lowman in a special putting contest.

Confided To Pastor.
Rockefeller first confided his determination not to be a party to lending money to aid the warring powers in Europe to his spiritual adviser.

This was learned today when Dr. Bustard, the oil king's pastor, expressed the greatest pleasure that Rockefeller should have made public announcement of his determination.

"Mr. Rockefeller said Dr. Bustard, 'that Mr. Rockefeller has stated publicly his attitude toward the war loans which he has determined not to make and which I regard as confidential.'"

It was at the funeral of W. C. Ridd, a Cleveland business man, that Rockefeller's brother-in-law, the oil king, discussed the subject of war loans with Dr. Bustard. This was last Friday.

"The afternoon of Mr. Ridd's funeral," said Dr. Bustard today, "I drove with Mr. Rockefeller from the funeral to the cemetery, and I regarded the subject of the war entered into our conversation."

Mr. Rockefeller talked with me about refusing requests from the representatives of foreign governments for munitions and other things. In an indirect way he told me he had refused war loans."

Pastor Pleased.
The interview given by Rockefeller to the United Press in which he made public his refusal to make war loans to England and Russia and the fact that the allies commission now in New York call on him because they knew it would be useless, greatly pleased Rockefeller's pastor.

"But I neither condemn nor commend John D. Rockefeller," he is capable of taking care of himself."

SANT' ANNA CAPTAIN SUSPECTS GERMANS
LONDON, Sept. 18.—Captain Pavay, of the Fabre liner Sant' Anna, believes that German or Austrian spies caused the fire that endangered the lives of 2,000 persons aboard the steamer, according to a dispatch today from Lloyd's agent at St. Michael's, Azores, where the Sant' Anna arrived, escorted by the liner Ancona.

Bombs were placed aboard the vessel, because she carried 1,500 Italian refugees, on board today. Several explosions preceded the fire, Captain Pavay said, and thirteen exploded bombs were found at the end of a nine-hour fire.

HELP FOR PACKERS HINGES ON ACTION OF KAISER'S STAFF

Pacific Policy Toward U. S. by Germans Would Rush Meat Settlement.

FIRM NOTE IS UNDER WAY

Britain Going Too Far With Application of "Ultimate Destination" Clause.

If the German situation ceases to be critical, international experts believe the United States will carry on a most interesting and animated diplomatic controversy with England.

The State Department is prepared for vigorous dissent from certain doctrines as to neutral rights which the British government is asserting and, as appears from the decision in the packers' case, is bent on upholding.

Officials of the State Department perceive clearly that if the British doctrines are allowed to stand, there must be a big overhauling of accepted ideas in international law.

The new note to Great Britain is expected soon to go forward, provided the German controversy does not flame up again. That it will attract wide notice, not only here but abroad, is expected. Though officials here refuse to outline the note, it is assumed that it will be a strong and emphatic presentation of the doctrines of the rights of neutrals from the American viewpoint.

Trouble Seekers Disappointed.
This does not mean the controversy with Great Britain is going to be otherwise than within the bounds of diplomatic proprieties. The desires of various elements to see grave trouble between this nation and England are not going to be gratified.

From an international law standpoint, however, there is much at stake. This has been plain since the promulgation of the order in council. It is plain that ever since the decision in the packers' case, the new note will not be modified in consequence of the packers' case decision.

Protest in that case will await a decision by the highest British tribunal. But if the price court decision is upheld, this Government will doubtless protest, unless it is convinced the packers are not coming into court with clean hands. This Government is expected to protest because of broad principles involved.

Briefly, the British decision gives a wider application than heretofore to the continuous voyage and ultimate destination. It proceeds on the assumption that all goods going to a belligerent for military use and thus remove the distinction between absolute and conditional contraband. Not only that, but it puts the burden on the shipper to show his goods are intended for neutral use. In short, if the British ideas are to obtain, it is made well-nigh impossible for this country to deal with neutrals that are in reach of Germany and Austria.

The situation is complicated by the fact the German government has taken control of foodstuffs and thus, from one viewpoint, made it difficult to combat the British doctrine. What goes to Germany in way of foodstuffs is for military use. Moreover, there is undeniable much skepticism among officials as to whether the packers were not actually trying to ship goods to Germany. Another angle to the controversy is the belief here that England is restraining American commerce with neutrals she is allowing her own merchants much latitude in this respect.

Havre de Grace Entries.

(For Monday.)

First race—For three-year-olds and up; selling; six furlongs. Water Wells, 107; Striker, 106; Devil Fish, 102; John D. Wadsworth, 101; Scully, 100; Hilder, 100; J. B. Harrill, 100; Beverly, 100; Knight Deck, 100; Sarsnet, 100; Humiliation, 100; Lily Orme, 100; Pay Streak, 100; Presumption, 100; Theaters, 100; Thrill, 100; Carlton G., 100.

Second race—For two-year-olds; selling; five and a half furlongs. Disturber, 104; Tom Edward, 103; Noll, 102; Dancer, 100; Plume, 100; Bob De Rosa, 100; Bob Redfield, 100; Stellarina, 100; High Office, 100; Blue Rock, 100; Lily Heavens, 100; Success, 100; Scottish Knight, 100.

Third race—For all ages; handicap; six furlongs. Cock of the Walk, 123; Leo Skolny, 103; Gainer, 102; Montecarlo, 102; Blue Thistle, 100; Exaggeration, 100; Don de Rosa, 100; Roly, 100; Holiday, 98; Wooden Shoes, 97; Rayburn, 95; Uncle Bryn, 97.

Fourth race—For three-year-olds and up; The Fox Hill Handicap; six furlongs. Coquette, 114; Pittsburg, 113; Hanson, 108; Hester Prynn, 108; Strucan, 110; Sir Edgar, 100; Superintendant, 98; Roly, 101.

The weight on Coquette includes a penalty of five pounds.

Fifth race—For three-year-olds and up; selling; one mile and seventy yards. All Smiles, 109; G. M. Miller, 111; Albion, 99; Jesse, Jr., 108; Stewart Helen, 107; Pennyrock, 104; Carbone, 105; Roger Gordon, 104; Elboid, 111; Towson Field, 107; Luther, 104; Jawbone, 104; Mary Warren, 104; Yodels, 104; Christopherine, 103; Tamarlane, 104; Chesteron, 105.

Sixth race—For two-year-olds; maidens; six furlongs. Short Grass, 124; Cock of the Walk, 123; Leo Skolny, 103; Gainer, 102; Montecarlo, 102; Blue Thistle, 100; Exaggeration, 100; Don de Rosa, 100; Roly, 100; Holiday, 98; Wooden Shoes, 97; Rayburn, 95; Uncle Bryn, 97.

Seventh race—For three-year-olds and up; six furlongs. Prairie, 104; Chesteron, 103; G. M. Miller, 111; Pare White, 107; L'Aiglon, 112; Day Day, 107; Carlsberg, 104; Camellia, 104; George, 97; Ahara, 107; Luther, 104; Task, 104; Tie Pin, 102; Evelyn C., 104; Bermuda, 112; Carbone, 105.

*Apprentice allowance claimed.

Weather cloudy, track fast.

Customs Office Again Open in Tsingtau, China

The reopening of the Chinese maritime customs office at Tsingtau, the former German province in China, was reported to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce today by Postmaster, the American charge at Tokyo.

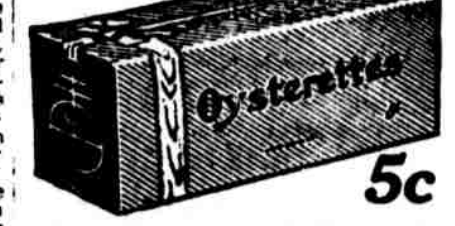
An agreement signed by the Japanese minister to China and the director of Chinese customs service, effective September 15, is to turn over the government, after deducting 20 per cent of the import duty, as provided in the revised agreement between Germany and China, out of the customs receipts levied up to the date of the reopening of customs by the Japanese authorities at Tsingtau, is to turn over the remainder to the Chinese customs authorities. Imports at Tsingtau normally exceed \$5,000,000 per annum.

Spy Executed.

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Making Doubly Sure.
First Girl—Belle always looks under the bed to see if there is a man there. Second Girl—Yes, after first looking in the mirror.—Judge.

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